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WE HEAR...

That the Senate Committee will hold hearings on the Upper Colorado project on Monday, June 28. David Brower will be there to help present the opponents' case, but the committee's idea of fairness is to allow the opponents only three witnesses, whereas the Dept. of Interior can have all the time it wants to "present" its case. Senator Kuchel is on that committee. We hope he will at least ask some intelligent questions!

Among the 'odds and ends' of the National Park system which the Park Service would like to relinquish is the Pinnacles National Monument. The Conservation Committee discussed the value of the Monument and came to the conclusion that the Pinnacles is really worthy to be retained in the Park system. In the opinion of Frederick Law Olmsted the scenic quality is excellent, and both geologists and botanists agree that the area has unusual scientific value. The present superintendent has done a splendid job of interpreting the Monument to the public. Visitors noted the careful labeling of plants and the occasional deft educational touch..."Have you seen a litter-bug?" along the trails. The Conservation Committee voted to ask the Directors to urge retaining this Monument in the Park system.

--C.M.C.

HAVASU IN SEPTEMBER

Joe Wampler of Wampler Trail Trips is offering Sierra Club members a 6-day trip to Havasu Canyon Sept. 26 to Oct. 1,1954. The cost will be $33 per person, including food and transportation of 30 pounds of duffel. Transportation to Hualpai, Arizona, will be arranged by those going on the trip.

This is a good time of year to see Havasu. But September is not far away. If you are interested in going, please notify Wes Bunnelle at 2576 Hilgard Avenue, Berkeley, by September 1. The Bay Chapter is allocated 10 members on the trip. Fees must be paid to Wes by Sept. 10.

WHAT'LL YOU HAVE?

With this, the last Yodeler until Fall, we're conducting a "What Do You Read Poll?" - that's why the postcard enclosed.

Please check off the things that you read in the Yodeler - not the items you think you should read or that you think would be nice for someone else to read.

If you are a cover-to-cover reader we love you, but if you're not, that's OK, too. There's so much going on in the Bay Chapter that one can't possibly be interested in all the activities. However, if the poll reveals that there's something that no one is reading, we'll cut it out. I'm sure the editors of the Chronicle aren't worried just because many people only read the headlines and the sport page - the point is, there's something in the paper they like! We really would like very much to know what our readers want and like...so please, please send in the postcard. If you feel inclined to say more than the postcard space will allow, send us a note.

-- B.T.

WRIGHT's (Lake, i.e.) . . .IT IS!

for over the Fourth

Tho neither of the leaders have been there before, word has it that this is the "spot" for a lazy, celebratin', good old American Fourth of July weekend. Hope you can all make it!

We need: (a) more car room for our riders (we will try to give you men good cooks!)

(b) ideas for campfires (else you will just have to be satisfied with what we offer)

(c) dauntless, brave, adventuresome hikers for the magnificent trails (chance for you men to show off here!)

WE PROMISE TO STAY IN FOR PHONE CALLS DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 27th.

East Bay: call Helen Waterman,
HIghgate 4-1652

S.F.: call Tena Cantena,
LOmbard 4-1412.

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YODELEREADERS....NOTE

Summer is vacation time for Yodeler staff, too, but one thing we take time to do during July. We pull out the address plates of all those subscribers who have been reminded of renewal due but have failed to pay their dollar. So if you have received a reminder postcard lately make sure your dollar reaches us by the end of June, or you will surely miss that all-important first Yodeler of the Fall season.

Other points to note. A first subscription to the Yodeler is always one dollar, but renewals are one dollar to members, and two dollars to non-members. Make sure the Club office has a correct address at all times, for the post office does not forward periodicals.

--C.M.C.

TAPPAAN TOPICS

Barbecue every Saturday night. Swimming, hiking, loafing available. A postcard to Rudy Talso, Manager, Clair Tappaan Lodge, Norden is all the reservation you need.

Workparties will continue during the summer, offering free room, board, and transportation. Don't come unannounced --contact the Club office.

Therefore, we'll up the deadline date to September 9 - please have your copy in by that time.

HAVE A NICE SUMMER!' --B.T.

THE WORLD AROUND US

DEAR READERS:

Tonight I was going to write a very serious editorial expounding the virtues of my staff and of Sierrans in general. But I'm in no mood for such serious stuff. We've had a good dinner at the Flytrap (no kidding, that's a bona fide restaurant name), and the entire staff is rather slaphappily tired from week end trips. The phone's been ringing constantly with last-minute bits about summer trips, ads, and gossip items. Such an atmosphere is hardly conducive to the composition of a brilliant editorial.

However, one thing must be said before we give up and go home, and that is a great big THANK YOU to Wes and Hasse Bunnelle who are retiring from the Editorial Staff. Wes has been on the staff for two years, and Hasse for one. Wes' loyalty and hard work are more than a little appreciated by the editor, because during the time he has been on the staff he has held some very demanding Club jobs ...i.e., putting out the Schedule and heading-up the Chapter Outings Committee. Neither he nor Hasse have missed a single issue since they started on the Yodeler. It's loyalty and enthusiasm like that which keeps Aunt Barbara going.

Thanks also to the other staff members who'll be back in the Fall, and many, many thanks to the Tuesday typists, the unsung heroines who do the hardest work connected with this little sheet... cutting the stencils.

Sallie Norvell deserves a bouquet for taking charge of Tuesday nights which has been quite a load off the editor's shoulders.

At the risk of being monotonous, a vote of thanks to the stuffing crews who hold forth on Wednesdays getting the paper ready for mailing. Wayne Zenger, and Maxine and Jay Hill, deserve special thanks for taking the lead on this not-so-little project.

Next Fall we'll continue the practice of having activity groups taking turns stuffing the Yodeler, with the River Touring Section starting off the season by stuffing the September Yodeler.

Incidentally, the first Yodeler of the next season should be a 20th of September deadline, but this is a little late and makes for a vast accumulation of news.

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KNAPSACK KNOTES

Our knapsacking chairman, Walt Oppenheimer, invites you to enjoy the mountains this summer on any or all of these scheduled trips. (It will really take an expert knapsacker to do this since occasionally there are two scheduled trips on the same week end.)

July 3-4-5. Minarets. This is truly of National Park caliber, and was formerly in Yosemite.

July 17-18. Waterwheel Falls.

July 31-August 1. Carson Pass. This trip has been changed from the one listed in the schedule.

Trip will be cross-country 6 miles, most of which is uphill. Camp site beside a beautiful lake (bathing suits may be useful). A fisherman's paradise, both lake and stream fishing. Climbers with ropes are also offered opportunities. A good trip for experienced knapsackers. Trip out will be low cross-country route or climb Steven's Peak.

Call BETTY DeCOE, OLympic 2-4928 for transportation and details of meeting place. Ian Begg will be co-leader.

August 7-8. Donner Summit. Central Commissary.

August 21-22. Sadler Lake and Isberg Pass.

Walt adds a PS for those on private trips. Please consider yourselves scouts ex-officio, and keep an eye open and take notes on any good suggestions for future club trips.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

August 8 hike, Marin, will be led by RUDI and DORIS WELISCH, SKyline 1-3952, who are replacing Nina Eloesser.

Emory Kenton's new phone number is GRaystone 4-4928.

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bathing facilities for the ladies were made from a sheet-metal tub and a few ponchos. The weekend was successfully concluded over beer and ice cream at the Hitching Post in Carmel Valley.

--Al Furnish

PINE VALLEY WEEKEND

It was a drab, dreary, drizzly morning that greeted knapsackers assembling at China Camp for the Pine Valley trip on June 12. A brief group discussion about weather conditions resulted in the conclusion that only idiots would start such a trip in the rain. So we started.

Mildred Holota led the crowd, while George Baldwin waited to check in the latecomers. The easy trail took us up a short distance, then down among groves of yellow pine, sprinkled with late-blooming flowers, while drizzle and fog alternated with cheerful periods of sunshine and blue sky. Early afternoon found us at the Pine Valley campsite--where boar hunters and boy scouts already occupied the choicest spots. However, adequate campsites were still available, and a canvas and nylon shantytown mushroomed as protection against the threatening weather.

The balance of the afternoon was spent in short exploratory trips. A fascinating jumble of caves and rocky cliffs across the creek from camp merited a thorough investigation, with emphasis on an experimental check of the acoustics of a natural "whispering gallery" eroded out of the sandstone hillside. The mountaineering types in the crowd beat the brush up a nearby hill to see a view consisting entirely of fog, while a third junket led among Santa Lucia firs down the infant Carmel River to where the stream leaped over a mossy cliff into a deep, rock-rimmed pool.

More knapsackers arrived at the campsite as the day drew on, swelling the party to thirty-eight people. Dinner was followed by a particularly enjoyable evening, with singing accompanied by two guitars and a woodwind around as much of a fire as Los Padres rules allowed.

Typical boy scout noises from the scout camp woke us early on Sunday morning to Kodachrome-type weather. The group split up soon after breakfast, with some starting back the longer scenic route, and others remaining behind to fish, swim, and loaf for a while. The largest crowd returned to the waterfall, where the swimmers' screams of icy-water type agony echoed from the canyon walls.

Saturday's downhill was Sunday's uphill, and the trip to the roadhead was hot, hard work. Back at China Camp, impromptu

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MORE GOURMET GUIDE (see also previous issue of June 7, 1954)

Highway 101, South
SALINAS Pub's Prime Rib, 227 Monterey St. on highway. Good food, service, atmosphere, prices reasonable.
Walker's Bar-B-Cue, East side of 101 about two blocks south of underpass. Very good, but be sure you sit in the reasonable price and not the high price area. You can select your steak and the chef may tell all about steaks etc. (at least he did for our pretty reporter).

Highway 99-W, North of Sacramento
YOLO Gorman's. This is the place listed under Zamora in the previous issue. It is six miles south of Zamora, just east of the tracks, at the crook in the road at Yolo. Good food (dinners $2/$2.50 and worth it), good service, and come as you are--of course. Reported closing hour, 10 p.m.
Highway 99, South (far South) of S.F.
BAKERSFIELD Cy's. A drive-in, but better than most. Reasonable prices.

Highway 40
COLFAX Pursells is the name of the Chinese restaurant mentioned in the previous issue. Our correspondent says it's on the right just before the bridge, but didn't say whether this applies going east or going west. Regular dinners and good smorgasbord. (Chinese Smorgasbord!!!? Apparently, Ja!)

Highway 120
OAKDALE The Corral serves good food and serves it slowly.
SONORA Europa Inn.

East Bay--This is strictly local but maybe our readers aren't always out of town.
SAN PABLO. In the Lo-Ray Market. Thick slices of ham served right in the frying pan. Out of the frying pan into the diner!
RICHMOND Peg's, 12929 San Pablo. On the right hand side (but didn't say which way you are going). Example of food and prices--rib steak dinner $1.30, large delicious pie 20¢.

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PADDLE PATTER

Paddle scouts looked at the Merced River from Briceburg to Bagby June 12, 13. Participants: a kayak, a foldboat, a canoe, Hank and Dody Jones, Baird Heffron, Ray Simpson, Elsa Bailey, Glenn Gaumer. The old Yosemite R.R. grade allowed automobile travel on the river bank all the way except at a washout at the midpoint. The first three miles below Briceburg offered rapids to challenge the most expert. Space between rapids was too short to permit recovery of an upset boat, so we looked further. The next three miles were challenging--and fun to run in the decked boats. Too rough for the canoe.

Scouting such a beautiful river sitting on the fender of a car is nearly as much fun as floating down it. And wasn't it nice to stop raining just as we launched the boats!

Sunday on the lower half from the washout to Bagby was as good. And what marvelous swimming at Bagby! The Merced offers haystacks, fences, standing waves and hydraulic jumps unsurpassed in these scouts' experience. This stretch will need scouting every time it's run, because water level makes a lot of difference. But crashing into a haystack or glancing down in the hole below a jump as you skim by, just missing it, give thrills worth the trouble.

--Glenn Gaumer

RIVER TOURING SECTION SCHEDULE

June 26, Mokelumne River, Leader: Baird Heffron, LAndscape 6-6935

July 10, Lake Camping. Coordination: Martha Baker, PIedmont 5-6063-R

July 24, Sacramento River. Leader: Hank Jones, LAkehurst 2-1331.

More Gourmet

P.S. The staff hopes our work has not been wasted. Please help by: 1. Keeping this guide in your car or readily available so if you want to use it it's there. 2. Make notes so that when the next issue is in the making you can furnish suggestions and comments on additions, deletions, or continuing listings.

THE MYSTERY FISH OF SECRET LAKE

The early start, always desired but seldom realized, actually happened on the recent Secret Lake trip, when forty-nine knapsackers started up the trail to Ostrander Lake shortly after eight a.m. on June 19. Oscar and Rosemarie Carlson engineered the miracle.

The trail to Ostrander Lake - well known to many skiers - proved very pleasant walking. The meadows were green and spongy underfoot - some mosquitoes were present, but not enough to be a nuisance - and the crimson snowplant appeared along with numerous other wildflowers. After a lunch stop at the Ostrander ski cabin, the cross country route led east across an open, rocky plateau, offering unusual views of the Yosemite high country from the Clark Range around to Mount Hoffman, with peaks along the Sierra Crest showing far in the northeast. An hour of this travel, and Oscar Carlson stopped the group - the occasion was the solemn "Secret Lake Oath". How well the secret is kept is a matter for some debate.

Over the last rocky rise and Secret Lake appeared ahead, nestled under the ice carved cliffs of Horse Ridge, and encircled by red firs and lodgepole pines. The campsite left little to be desired - there was ample room for all, including another party of fishermen who apparently shared the Secret Lake secret. The lake looked very tempting from an angler's point of view, and fishermen soon blossomed out around the shoreline. And how was the fishing? The first fish, the biggest fish, the most fish and the only fish caught in Secret Lake was landed by Margaret Jones - lucky gal. Nobody else caught a thing BECAUSE the moon was full, the fish were spawning, the wwater was high, the...and so on and on. But, if the fishing was poor, at least the swimming was good. The water in the little lakes downstream was actually comfortably warm - rather unusual for high altitude lakes in June.

Horse Ridge provided an interesting side trip, with several parties scrambling up the tumbled rocks to the forested plateau on top. The view across Illiloutte basin toward the high peaks was quite impressive.

Sunday's trip out was a rather random affair, with various sections of the group returning by widely separated routes. Some came back by way of Glacier Point, others over Horse Ridge (with packs on, yet!) and cut by the long, roundabout way. One bunch actually found a lake with fish in it - and brought out several nice trout to prove it. The trip ended with several of the car groups cooling off in widely separated spots in the Merced and Toulumne Rivers.

---Al Furnish

MOUNTAINEERS HEAR--

Of the marriage of Orpha Maus and Jim Kenville on Saturday, June 19, 1954 in San Francisco.

That Bob Burscher is home, at last, from the Navy.

CONCERT

Harvard Glee Club & Radcliffe Choral Society, Monday June 28, 8:45 p.m. in Berkeley Community Theater. Tax exempt tickets from $1 to $2.50 can be obtained from Sherman Clay & Co., Oakland or S.F.

FOR SALE: Boy's or girl's hiking boots,- size 5B, practically new. High grade leather, $6.00. Phone Harvey Mielenz, Day Garfield 1-6030, Evening DUnlap 8-4694. (After July 12.)

FOR SALE: 2 down bags, zip together, $12.50 each; double nylon ground cloth envelope $7; long air matt. and pump $6; pine tree chifferobe $2; 6x7 balloon cloth poncho and ground cloth $10; misc. camp furn. Jane Peery, YUkon 2-6177 or DAvenport 3-8085.

WANTED: Ride to Glacier and Grand Tetons, leaving SF July 30 and returning Aug.22. Call Tony Asaro, 328-A Church St., S.F., UNderhill 1-3453 after 9:30 p.m.

WANTED: Ride or riders for Teton and Glacier trips, probably returning via Seattle and Portland. Dorothy Durham, 3430 21st St., S.F., MIssion 7-9195.

FOR SALE: Ladies' boots. Russells, 6½ D cord soles, good condition. Enid Lovett, AShberry 3-7377 evenings.

FOR SALE: Stenotype machine and manual 8 years old. Barely used. Make offer. Enid Lovett, AShberry 3-7377 evenings.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SIERRA CLUB
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